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TOPIC Troops Entrained in the Potsdam Area

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1. At 5 p.m. on 24 April 1952, a unit from the northern section of the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam (N 53/Z 63), was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station. The unit consisted of about 150 troops, 13 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 1 x 50-mm AT gun, 15 caterpillar tractors and trucks

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2. At 10 a.m. on 26 April, a troop train of 38 boxcars and 11 flatcars with sideracks was loaded with about 150 signal troops, 3 field kitchens and 8 trucks

3. At 11:20 a.m. on 24 April, a train of 38 boxcars and about 20 flatcars with sideracks was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station with about 300 troops, billeting equipment and 1 x 152-mm gun howitzer, 1 x 122-mm field gun, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, 3 field kitchens, caterpillars, trailers, tank

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and ambulance. The unit and the materiel came from the northern section of the Delius Kaserne.

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4. At 11:30 a.m. on 24 April, a unit from the HCO school on Jaeger Allee was loaded at the Potsdam railroad station on a troop train of 29 boxcars and 8 flatcars with sideracks. About 120 signal troops, billeting and signal equipment: sedan, radio trucks and trucks were loaded. \*\*

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5. On 26 April, a train of 10 boxcars and 30 flatcars was at the Wildpark railroad station. About 80 to 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia and trucks were to be loaded. \*\*\*

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6. On 23 April, an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 9 x 122-mm guns, 6 caterpillar tractors, and 10 trucks were loaded at the Potsdam main

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railroad station. \*

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7. On 25 April, the occupation of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was unchanged. Sedan [ ] occupied by a general without star, sedan [ ] occupied by a general with one star and sedan [ ] occupied by a general with two stars were seen entering the barracks installation.

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8. The following loading operations were observed at the Potsdam freight station:

22 April. About 20 trucks with boxes and billeting equipment, several boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and trucks [ ]

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24 April. About 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and several trucks, [ ]

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- \* [ ] Comment. Paragraphs 1 and 6 cover the loading operations of the unidentified artillery division which is known to have been transferred from Potsdam to Altenraben since 21 April 1952. The trains have been confirmed by previous reports of the same and other sources. One of the trains on 24 April is mentioned for the first time and increases the total number of these trains to 11.

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- \*\* [ ] Comment. On 24 and 25 April, the source of paragraphs 2, 4, and 6 and other sources each reported previously one train as being loaded with units probably of the 66th (?) Sig Regt of the GDFC. [ ] The present report partly confirms this information and mentions another loading operation on 26 April, probably of the same unit. This unit is reported for the first time as being quartered in the WCO school.

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